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D. PHONECON MR. JOSEPH, ODAS(A)/OASD(C)-COL KERSEY,
USNATO, 7 JAN 77.

1. FURTHER TO REFS B, C AND D, USNATO DISAGREES WITH
STATEMENT IN REFTEL B THAT IT WOULD SEEM MANDATORY THAT
MR. BECK BE ASSIGNED WITHIN USNATO IF HIS POSITION AS A
DEPARTMENT OF ARMY CIVILIAN AND LIAISON OFFICER TO NAMSA
IS NOT REIMBURSED BY NAMSA.

2. ALTHOUGH MR. BECK WAS EMPLOYED WITHIN USNATO PRIOR TO
1 MAR 70, HIS FORMER USNATO POSITION AS JOINT PROJECTS
OFFICER WITH A NAMSO AFFAIRS FUNCTION WAS TERMINATED BY A
MANPOWER REDUCTION AT THAT TIME. IT WAS THEN RECOGNIZED
BY OSD, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND OTHER INTERESTED
AGENCIES, THAT THE TRANSFER OF MR. BECK TO A USNAMSO SPACE
WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE U.S. PARTICIPATION
IN NAMSO AND TO SAFEGUARD U.S. INTEREST IN EFFECTING MAXIMUM
POSSIBLE RECOUPMENT OF A \$55 MILLION U.S. INVESTMENT IN
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3. USNATO DEFENSE ADVISOR'S OFFICE CONTINUES TO HAVE
EXTREMELY LIMITED PERSONNEL ASSETS WITH WHICH TO ACCOMPLISH
ITS CLEARLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE US MISSION TO NATO.
IT IS NOT POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, TO SUPERIMPOSE MR. BECK'S
FUNCTIONS ON ANOTHER USNATO POSITION.

4. WE ARE SATISFIED WITH THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAS
WORKED WELL FOR ALMOST 7 YEARS. IF, HOWEVER, WASHINGTON
AGENCIES NOW DESIRE TO MAKE THE CONVERSION OF THE POSITION
FROM USNAMSO/DEPT OF ARMY TO USNATO/OSD STATUS, WE WOULD

ACQUIESCE ON THE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD CONDITION THAT THE NEW LINE ITEM POSITION ESTABLISHMENT WOULD NOT BE PREJUDICIAL TO ANY SUBSEQUENT REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITION ESTABLISHMENTS OR JUSTIFICATIONS BY THE OFFICE OF THE DEFENSE ADVISOR, USNATO.

5. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THIS ISSUE RE-SOLVED BY SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FROM NAMSO FOR MR. BECK'S SERVICE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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